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SUBJ: RHODESIA ANNOUNCES BORDER POPULATION REMOVALS AND
SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

1. MAY 18 CAPE ARGUS REPORTS RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
PUBLISHED TODAY AS AMENDMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY POWER (
MAINTENANCE
OF LAW AND ORDER) REGULATIONS OF 1970. REGULATIONS AUTHORIZE
GOVERNMENT TO EVACUATE, SCREEN, AND RESETTLE SOME AFRICANS
LIVING " ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER." FOLLOWING EVACUATION,
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE CAN AUTHORIZE CONFISCATION, SEIZURE OR
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY THAT MIGHT BE USED BY TERRORISTS.
ARGUS STATES REGULATIONS ALSO ANNOUNCE NEW CURFEW POWERS AND
CLARIFY DETENTION LAWS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IF MORE DETAILED
INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. RHODESIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT EVENING OF 17
MAY CITED INTIMIDATION OF " TRIBESMEN" ALONG NORTHERN BORDER
AND STATED THEY WOULD BE MOVED TO BETTER LAND THAN THEY NOW
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OCCUPY. MINISTRY STATEMENT CLAIMED SEIZURE AND DESTRUCTION OF
PROPERTY WILL ALLOW COMMISSIONER OF POLICE " TO DEAL MORE
ADEQUATELY WITH TERRORISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS..."
CONFISCATED PROPERTY " MAY" BE RETURNED TO OWNERS AND "
COMPENSATION MAY BE PAID TO OWNERS OF DESTROYED PROPERTY AT
DISCRETION OF THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER."

3. COMMENT: REGULATIONS MAY INDICATE SECURITY SITUATION MORE
SERIOUS THEN RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ADMITTED.
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